handling services on the basis of revenue sharing with airport operator subject to satisfactory observance of performance standards. (iii) Any other ground handling service provider selected through competitive bidding on revenue sharing basis, subject to security clearance by the Central Government and observance of performance standards. 2. At all other airports, in addition to the entities specified above self handling may be permitted to the airlines, excluding foreign airlines.

(d) All entities engaged in ground handling would need to have security clearance by the Central Government and would be subject to instructions/restrictions of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

Measures to check bird menace

139. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has recently decided to revive the National Committee of prevention of bird menace in view of increase in number of bird hit incidents at various airports;

(b) if so, whether DGCA has recently issued directions to all airport operators to immediately take some steps to ensure that environs around airports are clear and cease to attract birds; and

(c) if so, the details of the other concrete steps Government proposes to take to ensure that planes are not affected by bird hits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A National Bird Control Committee (NBCC) under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Civil Aviation is planned to adopt measure to prevent bird hazard at aerodrome and their vicinity and monitor the implementation of a bird control programme by the aerodrome operator to evaluate its effectiveness and suggest measures for improvement.

(c) Airfield Environment Management Committees have been constituted at those airports where scheduled flights operate to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. Various specific steps such as proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging, coverage of garbage bins, establishment of modern abattoirs, scaring of birds etc. have also been taken to reduce the incidence of bird hits.

Helicopter services in Uttarakhand

†140. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts are being made by his Ministry to connect the remote and inaccessible areas in Uttarakhand with helicopter services to the capital of the State and other parts of the country;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi